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The Honorable Adam Smith Chairman Committee on Armed Services U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515 The Honorable Mike Rogers Ranking Member Committee on Armed Services U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Smith and Ranking Member Rogers:

I am requesting funding for the Ethan Allen Biathlon Training Center in fiscal year 2022. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Vermont Army National Guard, located at 789 Vermont National Guard Road, Colchester, Vermont.

The funding would be used to upgrade the Nordic Skiing Facility to include paved trails, lighting, snowmaking, a new stadium, and Nordic Ski wax building, all designed to support Conseil International du Sport Militaire (CISM) all-season biathlon training and an International Biathlon Union (IBU) Class B competition event license. The Camp Ethan Allen Training Site is the headquarters for National Guard Biathlon across the US but has not had a major upgrade in two decades. Absent these upgrades, it will no longer be a competition venue suitable as a focal point for US military biathlon operations, nor for national or international biathlon competitions.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Peter Welch

Member of Congress